

Expedited Procedure Under 37 CFR §1.116

Application No. 10/587,886

Paper Dated: December 2, 2010

In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of August 2, 2010

Attorney Docket No. 4417-062209

over claims 1-33 of co-pending Application No. 10/790,628 and claims 12-33 of co-pending Application No. 12/472,044.

Application No. 10/790,628 has been abandoned as indicated by the Notice of Abandonment dated August 18, 2009 associated with that application.

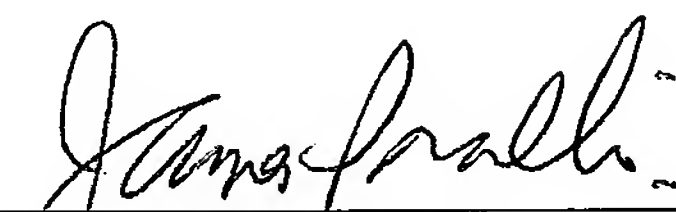
Additionally, the claims of co-pending Application No. 12/472,044 have been amended and the currently pending claims in the subject application are not believed to be fully disclosed or made obvious by the currently pending claims in Application No. 12/472,044. This provisional rejection was discussed with Examiner Triggs on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, and it was agreed upon that the currently amended claims in Application No. 12/472,044 did not fully disclose or make obvious the currently existing claims of the subject application and, therefore, in light of this, and in light of the fact that Application No. 10/790,628 has been abandoned, the provisional rejection on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests that this provisional rejection be withdrawn.

In Section No. 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejects claim 14 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, and, for the same reasons set forth with respect to the other claims, the Applicant believes that this provisional rejection should also be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-17 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WEBB LAW FIRM

By 

James G. Porcelli

Registration No. 33,757

Attorney for Applicant

436 Seventh Avenue

700 Koppers Building

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Telephone: (412) 471-8815

Facsimile: (412) 471-4094

E-mail: webblaw@webblaw.com